

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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COARSE GRAINS AND PULSES UNDER PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether unlike rice and wheat, coarse grains and pulses do not enjoy any marketing support in the form of Government procurement;
- (b) if so, the remedial measures being adopted to provide marketing support to coarse grains and pulses to encourage their production and productivity;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to include coarse grains pulses and edible oils in the Public Distribution System; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): No Sir, Coarsegrains are being procured by the State Governments and their agencies under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations. In case of pulses, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) undertakes procurement of pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS) as and when prices fall below MSP.

(c)&(d): Government is already making allocation to States willing to distribute Coarsegrains in TPDS depending upon the availability in the Central Pool. It has also been decided that the State and UT Governments, desirous of importing pulses and edible oils for distribution to ration card holders may avail of services of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU's) and NAFED for this purpose. The State and UT Governments have been informed accordingly and the CPSUs and NAFED have been requested to give priority to import pulses and edible oils if requests are received from the State/UT Governments.